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Ninety percent reimbursement funds for rural sewer improvement available in Vermilion Parish

BATON ROUGE – Residents of the Coulee Baton Microwatershed have until Nov. 9 to apply for 90 percent reimbursement for the cost of repairing or replacing their home septic systems. The Vermilion Soil and Water Conservation District, the Acadiana Resource Conservation and Development Council and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality are offering this reimbursement.

To receive this cost share assistance, homeowners must apply and choose from one of three -types of effluent reduction systems. They are a Spray Irrigation System, Rock Plant Filter System or a Gravel Field Line. Applicants must get a Department of Health and Hospitals permit within one month and will submit installation receipts.

Aging or failing home septic systems allow improperly treated sewage to enter the waters of the state. This exposes humans and wildlife to health risks. This is an opportunity to upgrade or replace these systems for only ten percents of the cost.

Here are some tips to help maintain a home septic system:

Do have regular inspections and pumping; plant small plants or trees around lines; record repairs and the location of tanks and lines; use disinfectants sparingly; route surface drains away; and, conserve water use. Don't put grease down the drain; flush materials that don't bio-degrade; use garbage disposal; plant trees or large shrubs around lines; and, use additives or harsh chemicals.

For more information on how to apply call Vermilion SWCD at 337-893-5664, Extension 3 or the Acadiana RC & D Council at 337-896-0362, extension 3.

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